

Minutes of the September 20th, 2010 meeting held at the Division of Fire Safety in Berlin.

Roll Call:

Organization Representatives / or Sub Ex-Officio Members

Vt. Professional FF	Lt. Aaron Collette, Burlington FD, Chair
Vt. Career Chief Assn.	Troy Ruggles, Chief of St. Johnsbury, Vice Chair
Dept. of Education	Peter Maloska
Vt. Fire Chiefs Assn.	Walt Bothfeld
Depts. Forest, Park & Rec.	Lars Lund
Vt. State FF Assn.	Chief Al Barber
VT Domestic Insurance Rep.	Gary Ouellette
Dept. of Public Safety	Lt. Steve Poirot
Div. of Fire Safety	John Wood, Director of the Division of Fire Safety
Div. of Fire Safety	Mike Desrochers, Deputy Director of Fire Safety
General Public	Absent
Dept. of Health	Absent
Dept. of Labor	Absent

Visitors:

Curriculum Committee Chair	Neil Fulton
VFA Chief of Training	Jim Litevich
VFA Northern Training Coordinator	Terry Farr

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Approved Minutes, motion by Collette, Ruggles seconds it, passes.

Report of the Director of the Division of Fire Safety: Late

Report of the Chief of Training: Jim Litevich

- Summary of VFA programs
- VTC building ribbon cutting
- Driving simulator being put together by Art Howard, secured by Leahy for State Police, but is being shared by VFA, State Police and Public Works; Howard is working on building the scenarios.
- Review of FF I and II's being hosted this year, which includes the online pilot program.
- Review of on going programs.
- Discussions of Pittsford's East Cottage re-construct.
- Discussion of rebuild of Live Fire Training structure in Pittsford.
- NFA program review and invite.
- Review of shoring classes.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee – Neil Fulton

- Review of the RIT program. Unsure where the curriculum will come from, waiting for J&B's curriculum.
- Review status of the Aerial Apparatus Program. Review of what NH does with the course.
- Will start with the second edition.
- Discussion of EVDT taking the place of the EVO course within the PADO course layout and if its equivalent.
- Curriculum committee will look into the equivalency between EVDT and EVO courses.

Statue & Policy Review Committee – Neil Fulton

- No report

Unfinished business:

- Discussion of minors.
- VFA holds minor results until completion of certain practicals including Live Fire Training.
- Discussion of letters from 2002 VOSHA and their limits within the current FF I programs.
- Letter by the council regarding their role within the FF I and II programs was read.
- Fulton suggests that they go to Bob McLeod regarding recommendations of their role; being very specific in the letter. Touched on specific skills that are worrisome to the Council. Collette will write the letter.
- Insurance company rep states they would be concerned about minors; recommends looking to VOSHA for advice.
- Discussion of audits, minors and workers compensation.
- Discussion of reasonable accommodations on behalf of the ADA with no sponsor.
- Reiteration of department sponsorship is required...or is it written?
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New Business:

- Steve Poirot announced that State Police has hired Scott Carpenter to be in charge of Homeland Security.
- Review of new policy for Homeland security accountability.
- Discussion of ICS enrollment within the Police Academy
- Discussion of the role of 300 and 400 within the Fire Service
- Poirot says the VFA is willing to accommodate a scheduled weekend courses if fire departments want to hosts.

Vermont Career Chiefs: Troy Ruggles

- Working on organizing and scheduling a conference.

Vermont State Firefighters Assn.: Al Barber

- No Report

Vermont Chiefs: Walt Bothfeld

- No meeting until October 12, some discussion of VT Chiefs rejoining the Career Chiefs.

Dept. of Forest, Park & Rec.: Lars Lund

- Trying to stage a fourth trailer in Springfield.

Professional Firefighter's of Vermont – Aaron Collette

- Fire Ops delivery at the Academy and summary of events that day.
- Simulated structure fire, vehicle extrication, cardiac assessment, car fire props.
- Mike Desrochers gave his assessment of the day.
- Collette thanked Globe for assisting and providing extra gear.

Insurance Report:

- No Report

Any other business, as it relates to the Council:

- Working on making a Bachelors program at VTC.
- Discussion of the props now on VTC campus.
- Announcement of catastrophic drill about to happen in Barre, Haz Mat team, Tech Rescue teams from North and South and other agencies.

Motion to adjourn to adjourn. Passes unanimously.